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SUB: JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH

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1. BLAY-MIEZAH HAS RE-EMERGED IN ACCRA AND IN THE GHANAIAN PRESS.

2. ACCRA NEWSPAPERS DECEMBER 2 REPORTED THAT AT INVITATION OF BLAY-KHSEZAH .4. ARNO NEWMAN, DESCRIBED AS PRESIDENT OF GEOFFREY'S BANK, BRUSSELS; AND MR. HERBERT MOHRSTADT, LISTED AS "PRESIDENT OF E.R.O.M. COMPANY, A GROUP OF TEN WEST GERMAN COMPANIES SPECIALIZING IN THE MANUFACTURE OF INFRA-STRUCTURE MACHINERY," ARRIVED "AT THE WEEKEND." BLAY-MIEZAH WAS DESCRIBED AS "BENEFICIARY AND TRUSTEE OF OMAN GHANA TRUST FUND (OGTF)--A PRIVATE CHARITABLE TRUST REGISTERED OVERSEAS." STORY REPORTED "E.R.O.M. CO. AND A SWISS COMPANY STYLED SAI S.A., LUGANO, ARE JOINTLY ENGAGED IN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN GHANA WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE WESTERN REGION AT THE REQUEST OF OGTF." BLAY-MIEZAH, NEWMAN, AND MOHRSTADT WERE PICTURED INTER ALIA WITH ECONOMIC CONSULTANT TO GOG ON EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (KWESI AMOAKO-ATTA); MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TATA BREWERY, LTD.

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(J.K. SIAW), WELL-KNOWN LOCAL FIRM; AND KWAKU BOATENG AND

KROBO EDUSEI, BOTH MINISTERS IN NKRUMAH REGIME. BOATENG HAS REPUTATION AS RADICAL. EDUSEI WAS ISSUED VISA 10/17/72 FOR ONE-MONTH BUSINESS TOUR IN U.S.

3. DECEMBER 5 NEWSPAPERS REPORT PRESS CONFERENCE AND MEETING WITH WESTERN REGIONAL HOUSE OF CHIEFS AT TAKORADI DEC 4 IN WHICH BLAY-MIEZAH PROMISED DOLS 86 MILLION INVESTMENT IN WESTERN REGION BY OGT. ALL PERSONS LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE REPORTEDLY PRESENT. LIST OF ALLEGED PROJECTS INCLUDES ROADS, BRIDGE, FISHING HARBOR, PLANTATIONS, WATER SUPPLY, BRICK AND TILE PLANT, ETC.

4. WHEN FIRST STORY APPEARED BELGIAN, GERMAN AND SWISS EMBASSIES AND AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH HICOMMS ("GEOFFREY'S BANK" THOUGHT PERHAPS TO BE BRITISH OR AUSTRALIAN WERE WARNED AND GIVEN SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1, REFTEL. NON OF THESE MISSIONS KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE GROUP OR THE COMPANIES LISTED. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES BUT WILL FOLLOW REFTEL GUIDANCE IF IT DOES.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT; YOU MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE, REFTEL, AND BACKGROUND TO BONN, CANBERRA, AND LONDON. BLACK

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